63. Isosorbidemononitrate

64. Any new drug for which the company conducted clinical trials and obtained Drug Controller's approval.

65. Polio Vaccine

66. Measles Vaccine.

Non-reduction of prices of formulations

3777. SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR SAHU :
SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU :
CHOWDHARY RAM SEWAK :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 1324 given in Rajya Sabha on 5th December, 1991 and state :

(a) what are the names of other drugs besides Analgin where formulation prices based thereon were not reduced on the ground that BICP had pointed out certain anomalies and sought clarifications ;

(b) what were the anomalies pointed out by the BICP and clarifications needed by the BICP in respect of each of the bulk drugs so involved;

(c) whether in most of these cases formulations prices were not reduced if so, in how many cases they remain to be worked out till date ; and

(d) by when the prices would be reduced based on the reduced prices of bulk drugs?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN) : (a) Names of such bulk drugs are as under :

1. Phenytoin Sodium
2. Metronidazole
3. Metronidazole Benzoate
4. Ibuprofen
5. Amoxycillin Trihydate
6. Sulphamethoxzazole
7. Methyldopa
8. Isoxuprine
9. Sulphamoxole.

(b) Anomalies pointed out and clarifications sought were basically regarding the approach and methodology for reducing the prices.

(c) and (d) While answering Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No. 673 dated 28-11-1991, it was stated that before Government could notify the prices of ceiling packs of connected formulations on reduced prices of bulk drugs, there was change in exchange rate of rupee against major foreign currencies. As a result, prices of 9 out of 11 bulk drugs (including Analgin) had been revised upwards. In 4 cases, the revised prices were even more than the pre-revised price. The exercise to notify the prices of ceiling packs of formulations where the bulk drug prices were still less than the pre-reduced price has since been completed.

Prices of Medicines

3778. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU:
SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY:
SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 1325 given in the Rajya Sabha on 5th December, 1991 and state:

(a) what are the names of the medicines where prices of bulk drugs and formulations have come down on account of competition;

(b) whether it is a fact that prices have steeply risen in all such cases after decontrol ; and

(c) if so, the details of such cases?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN) : (a) to (c) Though no study has been conducted to establish, or otherwise such a relationship in pharmaceutical sector, it is generally accepted principle that market competition with adequate supply results in reduction in prices.

Reduction in the prices of formulations

3779. CHOWDHARY RAM SEWAK :
SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR SAHU :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 1324 given in the Rajya Sabha on 5th December, 1991 and state:

(a) whether Government have promised to reduce the prices of formulations